



Fundraising benefits support nonprofit organizations in the San Jose area

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If you're looking for a way to make a difference while enjoying yourself, here are some upcoming social events raising needed funds for local nonprofit groups.

Double parties

The San Jose Rep is celebrating 30 years of providing professional theater productions to the South Bay with two parties on June 11.

Well-heeled patrons willing to spend \$250 a ticket will enjoy an epicurean dinner provided by Parsley Sage Rosemary & Thyme in an elegant tent on the patio adjacent to the theater. Diamond level patrons will also have a silent auction as part of their package.

Budget-minded supporters can party at the Pearl level, which is \$75 a ticket. They will enjoy a wine reception in the theater lobby, with desserts and coffee following.

Both tickets include the special show created and directed by Rick Lombardo, Rep's artistic director. It will feature six actors whizzing through a sampling of past and future productions, including *The 1940s Radio Hour*, *Spring Awakening* and *The Haunting of Sarah Winchester*.

Following the show, Pearl and Diamond patrons will join up for a live auction and dancing to the Touch of Class band.

Honorary chairman for the event is Greg Jamison, who serves on the board of the National Hockey League and is president and CEO of Silicon Valley Sports & Entertainment.

Dubbed "The Blue Box Bash" in acknowledgement of the color of the Susan and Phil Hammer Theatre that is the Rep's home, the evening starts at 6 p.m.

The Rep hopes to raise \$100,000 for its education and outreach programs. For tickets, visit www.sjrep.com or call Leslie McGarry at 408.367.7298.

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